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The reply brief filed December 22, 2000 has been entered and considered but no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision.

The request for an oral hearing is noted and the primary examiner would like to attend the hearing and participate.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeff Fredman, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-6568.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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